

### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 10, line 12 of the Specification as follows:**

Referring to Fig. 1A, a block diagram is illustrated of a wide area network employing a method and system according to the invention. It is anticipated that the present information delivery system 100 operates with a plurality of computers which are coupled together on a wide area network, such as the Internet 102, or other communications network. Fig. 1A depicts a network that includes at least two user computers 120 and 130 that communicate with a Webroom Web host 110 through communication links 104 that include the Internet 102. The user computers 120 and 130 may be any type of computing device that allows a user to interactively browse Websites, such as a personal computer (PC) that includes a Web browser 132 (e.g., Microsoft Internet Explorer™ or Netscape Communicator™). Suitable user computers, e.g., user computer 130 equipped with browsers 132, are available in many configurations, including handheld devices (e.g., PalmPilot™), personal computers (PC's), laptop computers, workstations, television set-top devices, multi-functional cellular phones, and so forth. The Webroom Web host 110 includes a server computer 112 running Webroom Web server application 114 and capable of selectively delivering and receiving information, such as Web pages ~~[[124]]~~126 and ~~[[134]]~~136, to and from the user computers 120 and 130 using a protocol, such as HTTP. Webroom Web host 114 uses database 116, containing Webroom data, while performing functions according to the present invention. Typically, Webroom Web server 114 is an application coded in a programming language, such as C or C++, and is customized to run on server 112. Webroom Web server 114 may additionally incorporate a database engine, such as an SQL Server™ engine from Microsoft Corporation or Oracle™ database engine, as part of its architecture. Using user computers 120 and 130, user 128 and user 138, respectively, may communicate to one another by sending commands and data using browsers 122 and 132. User communication data is preferably

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accessible on Web pages 126 and 136, displayed on displays 124 and 134.  
Web pages 126 and 136 are preferably Webroom pages.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 25, line 28 of the Specification as follows:**

Textual posts are preferably displayed in their entirety, or in summary, depending on whether or the display is organized chronologically (i.e., is unthreaded) or as threaded on subject threads. Chronological postings are preferably displayed in their entirety, to permit rapid scanning of all material submitted within a given time frame. Threaded postings are preferably displayed in summary, so that more of the subject threads can be viewed on a single screen. Depending on user preferences, various other combinations of summarized or entire posts may be displayed.